



Forest Service News Release

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Firefighters responding to seven lightning fires; Trail and road closures activated on Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest

Everett, WA, Aug. 09, 2021—On Aug. 3, 2021 a lightning storm ignited several small fires on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Three of the fires are located on the Darrington Ranger District, two are located on the Skykomish Ranger District and the Mt. Baker and Snoqualmie Ranger Districts each have one fire. The Pincer Fire, located 18 air miles east southeast of the Marblemount community in the Glacier Peak Wilderness, is currently estimated at 15 acres in size. The other fires range from 1/10 of an acre to seven acres in size.

“We’re actively responding with the safest possible options in our toolbox to each and every fire as they are discovered,” said Jody Weil, Forest Supervisor for the Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest. “The closure of specific roads and trails near the Pincer Creek fire will help keep the public safe as firefighters work in areas where they can safely engage.”

While fire growth has been limited on these fires, a warming and drying trend is predicted for the later part of the week which may lead to some additional fire spread in extremely steep and rugged terrain. Updates will be provided if significant fire activity occurs.

Evacuations: None.

Closures: The Mt. Baker Ranger District Cascade River Trail, the Middle Fork Cascade Trail and South Fork Cascade Trail are closed to the public due to their proximity to the Pincer Creek Fire. The Sibley Creek Road and Hidden Lake Trail are not currently threatened by the fire, but are closed to allow firefighters to staff the lookout to support fire operations. This closure order is effective Aug 9, 2021 until rescinded: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mbs/alerts-notice

Smoke: Air quality in the greater Puget Sound area on Monday August 9th is green/good. However, weather models show a high pressure system passing over the area starting Tuesday which may bring in smoke from wildfires burning in Eastern Washington and British Columbia. The strongest northerly and easterly flow is predicted to occur on Wednesday and Thursday- prepare now for decreased air quality at: wasmoke.blogspot.com

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